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STATEMENTS BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1992 to Unstarred Question 39 regarding resignation of Pilots from Indian Airlines

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1992, to Unstarred Question 39 regarding resignation of Pilots from Indian Airlines. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-3715/93]

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1993 to Starred Question III regarding losses of International Airport Authority of India's projects in Libya

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1993 to Starred Question 111 regarding losses of International Airport Authority of India's projects in Libya. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3750/93]

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, I am on a point of order.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): I am on a point of order. The question was answered on the 24th of November. Now the Minister is coming with a corrected answer at the fag-end of this Session. This is highly objectionable. Every day we see Ministers correcting their answers. I think you must direct the Ministers and the Government that they should give the proper answer at the first instance, particularly, to Unstarred Questions because in the case of Unstarred Questions, we cannot do anything. What is the reason? Why did they not correct the answer immediately?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already directed the Government that they should not give this kind of answers which need to be corrected.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: This is 24th November.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, you see the List of Business. You will find in it that the next item is the Minister's statement correcting his answer to a Starred Question, not an Unstarred Question. When it is a Starred Question, Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Members can ask supplementaries. But now he is correcting the answer to a Starred Question. What does it mean? On the basis of this corrected answer, is the concerned Member entitled to ask supplementaries?

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Sir, my apology to you. It is not November, it is 2nd March, 1993.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: That is regarding Starred Question. What about the Unstarred Question? That was replied on 24th November.